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1. IN PARA 1 OF REFTL (A) MISSION SAID IT INTENDED TO PREPARE ANALYSIS OF SITUATION ON SUBJECT. IN PARA 2 OF REFTL (B) WE NOTE DEPT'S CONCERN RE SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF PROBLEMS CONCERNING SUBJECT AS WELL AS INTENTION OF DEPT TO TRANSMIT SEPTL.
 2. DUE TO ABSENCE OF CERTAIN SECT OFFICIAL FROM NEW YORK INVOLVED IN QUESTION AS WELL AS OUR OWN WORKLOAD, MISSION HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO DO ANALYSIS. HOWEVER, BASED ON DISCUSSIONS WHICH MISOFF HAD IN GENEVA AS WELL AS WITH VARIOUS SECT OFFICIAL S IN NEW YORK, IT APPEARS PROBLEM IS MORE BUREAUCRATIC THAN SUBSTANTIVE. CHANGES IN
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ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WERE INTRODUCED IN MARCH 1973

RESULTED FROM EXTENSIVE STUDY BY UN ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT SERVICE (AMS) AND ALLEGEDLY WERE AGREED TO BY THREE PARTIES CONCERNED (UNCTAD,GATT, AND ITC.) APPARENTLY, AT RECENT MTGS OF TECHNICAL COMITE AND JOINT ADVISORY GROUP DISSATISFACTION WITH EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS, RAISED BY REP OF BRAZIL, WERE INSPIRED BY ITC SECT FOR REASONS NOT CLEAR. MISOFF, WHO DISCUSSED QUESTION WITH SANTI-APILLAI ET AL IN EARLY FEB, GAINED CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT ITC WAS OPTING FOR ARRANGEMENTS BY WHICH IT WOULD ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL ASPECTS OF ITC ADMINISTRATION. WHILE THERE HAD BEEN DIFFICULTIES WITH UN OFFICE GENEVA, IT APPEARS THESE ARE NOT INSURMOUNTABLE, GIVEN GOOD WILL ON ALL SIDES AND POSSIBLE CHANGES IN ITS MODUS OPERANDI VIS-A-VIS ITC. PLACE OF UNCTAD IN THIS TRIUMVIRATE IS UNCLEAR BUT MAY BE REALY CAUSE OF CONFLICT; I.E. , MORE BETWEEN ITC AND UNCTAD THAN BETWEEN ITC AND GENEVA OFFICE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SYG OF UNCTAD RECENTLY REQUESTED USYG DAVIDSON TO SEND MEMBER OF AMS TO GENEVA IN ATTEMPT TO SORT OUT PROBLEM. DECISION WAS MADE YESTERDAY BY DAVIDSON FOR DEPUTY DIR OF AMS CECIL GOODE (US) TO GO TO GENEVA MID APR IN ORDER TO HAVE AGREED-TO SOLUTION PRIOR TO MTG OF ACABQ IN GENEVA BEGINNING MAY 7. LATTER BODY INTENDS TO LOOK INTO QUESTION IN DEPTH WITH ALL PARTIES CONCERNED DURING ITS GENEVA STAY.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT SENDING OF GOODE TO GENEVA TO OBTAIN FACTS AND ATTEMPT TO FORMULATE ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION IS WISE DECISION, GIVEN PRESENT STATE OF PLAY. SUGGEST THAT RESPONSIBLE OFFICER IN GENEVA MISSION CONTACT GOODE AT EARLIES OPPORTUNITY IN ORDER TO GIVE HIM FIRST HAND OUR CONCERNS AND VIEWS. GOODE MAINTAINS EXTREMELY CLOZSE RELATIONS WITH USUN AND IS FULLY RECEPTIVE TO PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS WITH GENEVA MISOFF. ONCE GOODE'S PLANS ARE FIRM, WE WILL INFORM ADDRESSEES.

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